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The above references were cited in a Japanese Search Report of the counterpart Japanese Patent Application. A copy of the October 23, 2006 Japanese Office Action of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-091316 with the Search Report is enclosed.

Enclosed are copies of the documents listed. Please note that Reference AL. only has a partial translation. Also, enclosed in duplicate, is an accompanying form equivalent to PTO-1449, listing the art cited by applicants. The Examiner is respectfully requested to mark on one copy of the enclosed form that the Examiner has reviewed the listed documents and return the marked copy to applicants' undersigned attorney at the below listed address.

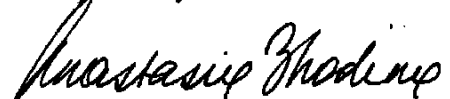
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